

27. On the Gaps between the Consecutive Zeros of the Riemann Zeta Function

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§ 1. Introduction. Let γ_n be the n -th positive imaginary part of the zeros of the Riemann zeta function $\zeta(s)$. We have shown in [1] and [2] that for each integer $k \geq 1$ and for $T > T_0$,

$$C_1 \frac{T \log T}{\log^k T} \leq \sum_{T \leq \gamma_n \leq 2T} (\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n)^k \leq C_2 \frac{T \log T}{\log^k T},$$

where C_1 and C_2 are some positive constants. The implicit constant C_2 might be large. The purpose of the present article is to get an explicit C_2 (for the case $k=2$) under the assumption of the Riemann Hypothesis. We shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. For $T > T_0$, we have

$$\sum_{\gamma_n \leq T} (\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n)^2 \leq 9 \cdot \frac{2\pi T}{\log \frac{T}{2\pi}}.$$

We shall prove this theorem as an application of the following mean value theorem which has been proved in [5]. We put

$$S(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arg \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)$$

and

$$F(a) = F(a, T) = \left(\frac{T}{2\pi} \log \frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^{-1} \sum_{0 < \gamma, \gamma' \leq T} \left(\frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^{i a(\gamma - \gamma')} \frac{4}{4 + (\gamma - \gamma')^2},$$

where γ and γ' run over the imaginary parts ($\neq 0$) of the zeros of $\zeta(s)$.

Theorem 2. Suppose that $0 < \Delta = o(1)$. Then we have for $T > T_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T (S(t+\Delta) - S(t))^2 dt \\ &= \frac{T}{\pi^2} \left\{ \int_0^{\Delta \log(T/2\pi)} \frac{1 - \cos(a)}{a} da + \int_1^\infty \frac{F(a)}{a^2} \left(1 - \cos\left(a \Delta \log \frac{T}{2\pi}\right)\right) da \right\} + o(T). \end{aligned}$$

In fact, we shall use it in the following form.

Corollary. Suppose that $T > T_0$ and $1/\log(T/2\pi) \leq \Delta = o(1)$. Then we have with $|\theta| \leq 1$ and the Euler constant C_0 ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T (S(t+\Delta) - S(t))^2 dt = \frac{T}{\pi^2} \log\left(\Delta \log \frac{T}{2\pi}\right) \\ & + \frac{T}{\pi^2} \left(C_0 - \frac{\sin(\Delta \log(T/2\pi))}{\Delta \log \frac{T}{2\pi}} + 2\theta \left(\frac{1}{\left(\Delta \log \frac{T}{2\pi}\right)^2} + 2 \right) + o(1) \right). \end{aligned}$$